

PREFACE

This issue is dedicated to Pierre Bourrelly who was editor of the journal *Cryptogamie, Algologie*, and who was regarded as one of the foremost experts on freshwater algae of his time. His books remain indispensable tools for freshwater phycologists. The article by A. Couté (In Memoriam. *Cryptogamie, Algologie*, 1996, 17 (1): 1-17) includes a complete list of his publications. His correspondence, involving over 3000 letters, is preserved at PC and reflects the importance of his contribution to Phycology. He was an exceptionally kind man, always available for anyone, researcher or student, to whom he opened his large library, including an extensive, unvaluable file of taxonomic data on each species of freshwater algae, and shared his encyclopedic knowledge. He also knew the algal collections housed at PC very well and was very helpful in guiding colleagues through these collections. He was not only a phycologist but also a "naturalist" and was an excellent identifier of vascular plants. When I was hired by the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (1991), he was actively pursuing his "second career" as a retired professor, updating his books! His humour was intact, and though I was one of those frightful people who dealt with "uninteresting" marine algae, we had daily morning talks which I will remember fondly. It has been a delight to edit this dedicated issue and join colleagues around the world who have contributed to it and rendered homage to him.

The Editor:

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1. Prof. Dr Ludwig Kies dedicated an article to Pierre Bourrelly in *Limnologica*: Kies L., 1997 – Distribution, biomass and production of plancktonic and benthic algae in the Elbe estuary. *Limnologica* 27 (1): 55-64.